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**AWARD WINNING HULA HĀLAU NĀ MAMO O PANA'EWA ANNOUNCES
SPECIAL GUEST ARTIST NĀ HŌKŪ HANO HANO AWARD WINNER MARK
YAMANAKA AND FRIENDS TO PERFORM AT MAY DAY HŌ'IKE –
MŌHALA KA PUA UA WEHE KAIAO (THE BLOSSOMS ARE BLOOMING AS
A NEW DAWN BEGINS) - ON MAY 14, 2016 AT GLENDALE HIGH SCHOOL
AUDITORIUM**

*Following the Footsteps of His Teachers, Kumu Hula (Teacher of Hula) Keoki Wang and
His Dancers to Bring Traditional (Kahiko) and Modern ('Auana) Hula (Hawaiian
Dance) to the Southern California Hawaiian Community for Fifth Year Anniversary
Show*

LOS ANGELES, Calif. (January 15, 2016) – Award winning hula school, ***Hālau Nā Mamo 'O Pana'ewa***, proudly announces Nā Hōkū Hanohano Award winner Mark Yamanaka as the special guest performer at their 7th annual hō'ike (performance), *Mōhala Ka Pua Ua Wehe Kaiao (The Blossoms are Blooming, as a New Dawn Begins)*, at Glendale High School Auditorium (Glendale, CA) on Saturday; May 14, 2016; one (1) show only at 4:00 pm (Doors open at 3:00 pm). Tickets and more info can be found at www.hhnmp.com

“It is such an honor to have a ***Nā Hōkū Hanohano*** award winner performing with us for our 5th year anniversary show,” states Keoki Wang, “*Mark Yamanaka's* beautiful voice and tremendous talent is a ‘must hear’ treat for the Southern California Hawaiian community as he comes with two (2) additional Hawaiian favorite musicians *Bert Naihe* and *Edward Atkins*. Join us for a wonderful afternoon of hula, Hawaiian music and aloha!”

Mark Yamanaka came out into the Hawaiian music scene in November of 2010 with the release of his long awaited debut solo album entitled “*Lei Pua Kenikeni*”. This debut album was celebrated at the 2011 *Nā Hōkū Hanohano Awards* taking home four (4) big awards (Album Of the Year, Male Vocalist of the Year, Song of the Year (*Kaleoonalani*), and Most Promising Artist of the Year) that put him aside Hawaiian Music greats *Keali'i Reichel* and *Willie K*.

After three (3) long years, Mark finally released his long-awaited sophomore CD “*Lei Maile*” in Nov. 2013. Since then it has hit *The Top 10 Billboard World Music Chart*, and nominated in ten (10) categories and more recently became a finalist in the 2014 *Nā*



Hōkū Hanohano Awards and won 5 awards including the Technical Best “Liner Notes” category, Single of the Year (*Maui Under Moonlight*), Male Vocalist of the Year, Hawaiian Album of the Year and Album of the Year.

“I have had the privilege of sharing the stage with Kumu Hula Chase Keoki Wang and his Award winning Hula Hālau Nā Mamo O Pana‘ewa on a few occasions,” states Mark Yamanaka, "Kumu Keoki, and his Haumana, have breathtakingly choreographed some of my most favorite mele and have brought it to life for each and every performance. I look forward to once again perform with Hula Hālau Nā Mamo O Pana‘ewa for their May Day Ho‘ike-Mohala Ka Pua Ua Wehe Kaiao."

Mark Yamanaka will be joined by other Hilo celebrated artists including Bert Naihe and Edward Atkins.

Show information is as follows:

DATE: Saturday; May 14, 2016
LOCATION: Glendale High School Auditorium
1440 E. Broadway Avenue
Glendale, CA
TIME: Doors open 3:00 pm; Show starts 4:00 pm
GENERAL TICKET PRICES: Pre-Sale: General Admission-\$20.00; Kids 5 and under-FREE (must sit on lap of adult)
On-Site: General Admission-\$25.00; Kids 5 and under-FREE (must sit on lap of adult)
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT: Pre-sale contact (310) 869-8030; Email contact chase@bam-mp.com; Onsite (Box Office) at 3:00 pm on day of event
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About *Hālau Nā Mamo O Pana‘ewa*

Located in sunny Southern California (Glendale), and established in 2010, award winning hula school *Hālau Nā Mamo O Pana‘ewa* (The Cherished Offspring of Pana‘ewa) and Kumu Hula (Teacher of Hula) Keoki Wang continues the traditions and legacies of his award-winning teachers including Kumu Hula Sonny Ching, Kumu Hula Noelani McIntosh and Kumu Hula Kunewa Mook through dance, songs and traditional Hawaiian chants. More information can be found at www.hhnmp.com

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